**EEC Assistance to Agricultural project in Kerala**

5712. SHRI THAYIL JAIN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural projects in Kerala funded by the European Economic Community during the last there years; and

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made under these projects during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Coconut Development Project of Kerala has been extended assistance by the European Economic Community during the last three years.

(b) The target of establishment of 900 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies has been achieved. Against the target of setting up three copra processing plants one plant has been commissioned.

[*Translation*]

**Oil Schemes and Projects of Uttar Pradesh**

5713. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether various oil schemes and projects of Uttar Pradesh are laying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, since when and the details thereof,

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which these projects and schemes ared likely to be cleard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). The Auraiya Gas Cracker Project is at an advanced stage of consideration.

[*English*]

**Commercial Trout farming project in Kulu**

5714. SHRI S.B. SIN DNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Norway has funded a project for commercial farming of rainbow trout at Katrain, Kulu, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement reached in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). The salient features of the agreement reached between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and Government of India are as follows:-

Norway shall provide a financial grant not exceeding 8, 000,000 Norwegian Kroner for transfer of technology and provision of equipment for commercial trout farming in Kulu valley, Himachal Pradesh for a duration of 5 years.

The project envisages establishment of a marine trout hatchery, with a capacity to produce the trout fingerlings required to produce 10 tonnes of table sized fish annually and to demonstrate commercial trout farming in 5 raceways; training of project staff and local farmers including women; development of an economically viable trout feed; undertaking studies relating to the socio-economic aspects of farmers; survey of suitable areas for trout farming; organisation of marketing and sales of trout; organisation of credit facilities. etc. The project also provides for